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DRAFT RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ~~impression~~ of colonization prevailing

among the people of Corsica

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- having regard to the tragic events which occurred between 6 and 11 January on the island of Corsica, particularly at Bastelica and Ajaccio;
- noting that the discovery of the existence of parallel police forces, known as 'Barbouzes', has created a psychological tension among the people of Corsica which will be difficult to break down and was in fact the direct cause of these riots;
- considering that during these riots an armed force of 1,500 persons, alien to the mentality of the people of Corsica, was brought into action;
- considering that the disturbing presence of the Foreign Legion in this deprived peripheral region of the French Republic is not calculated to avoid in future the state of tension which has been repeatedly generated in the past, and creates a permanent impression of colonization;
- drawing attention to the spirit of the European Declaration of the Rights of Man and Fundamental Freedoms;
- considering that European cooperation is inherently bound up with the response that is given to the justified striving of ethnic groups for unimpeded self-fulfilment;
- noting that the people of Corsica have a deep-rooted awareness of their own special identity;

calls upon the Council and Commission to convey to the Government of the French Republic its desire for concrete action to overcome the oppressive awareness of colonization experienced by the people of Corsica, and this in the spirit of a policy of regionalism.